(d) and (e) No Sir, NRHM does not aim at population control, but is expected to be instrumental to achieve population stabilization by providing accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable healthcare, especially to poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

(f) Yes, Sir. The Mission aims at upgrading all Community Health Centres to Indian Public Health Standard.

(g) A Task Group has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services to formulate Guidelines for Indian Public Health Standard (IPHS) to assure minimal level of infrastructure quality and service delivery in Community Health Centres.

The Task Group has prepared its first draft. The draft was shared with Principal Secretary/ Secretary of 18 high focus States in the consultation held at New Delhi on 11th March, 2005. The Guidelines for the same are under finalisation.

Drug Testing Laboratory in Karnataka

1938. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status with regard to construction of a Modern Drug Testing Laboratory funded by Drug Controller General of India and the World Bank at Erragadda, Hyderabad;

(b) whether Government would ensure of completion and for functioning of the Laboratory, very shortly to check the menace of fast ever-growing sales of sub-standard and spurious drugs and medicines in the State of Andhra Pradesh to raise the administrative capability to Testing a large number of samples a year;

(c) if so, within how many months; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The construction of Drug Testing Laboratory at Erragadda, Hyderabad is being carried out by the CPWD. The civil construction is completed upto the 1st floor. The civil construction would be completed by September, 2005. The CPWD

has already taken steps as regards the requirement of electrical connection to the laboratory. The procurement of equipments for this lab. has been already initiated through the World Bank aided Capacity Building Project on Food Safety and Quality Control of Drugs.

Population and unemployment

†1939. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several national social and economic problems of the nation are increasing due to burden of rapid increase in population;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to increasing population of country, maximum number of educated and uneducated people are afflicted with unemployment;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the newly made projects and programmes formulated by Government to check the increasing population of the country and steps being taken to implement these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) It is admitted that growing population causes a strain on natural and civic resources of the country, including employment opportunities.

(d) The Government has decided to launch Phase II (2005-2010) of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II) for provision of reproductive, maternal health, child health and contraceptive services to the people and the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to provide comprehensive integrated primary health services throughout the country.

Scheme for AIDS prevention

†1940. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes being run by Government for prevention of AIDS;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.